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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

The three month response period to respond to the Office action of December 9, 2003 expired on March 9, 2004. Applicant hereby requests and petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from March 9, 2004 through April 9, 2004. By this amendment, ten new claims have been added including two new independent claims. A check in the amount of \$462 is enclosed to cover the \$352 additional claim fee and the \$110 one month extension of time fee.

In response to the Office action of December 9, 2003, paper no. 9, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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